



ALEXANDRIA POET LAUREATE “Call for Nominations”

Purpose of the Alexandria Poet Laureate:

Promotes an appreciation of poetry as an art form, encourages creative writing and reading of all forms of literature, and promotes literacy through poetry.

Eligibility: Distinguish self in the field of poetry through the body of work created; be a resident of the City of Alexandria for a minimum of one year and maintain residency through the three year term of service; must accept the Poet Laureate post as a ceremonial role, to include presentations of work appropriate for all audiences; and, minimum of 18 years of age.

Entry Rules: Candidates may self-nominate or be nominated; entries must include five to 10 separate works; and any style, form, or length, of original published or unpublished work. Typewritten or word processed, one sided, 12 point size, or photo copied poems from books or magazines are acceptable. DO NOT PLACE NAME OR ADDRESS ON POETRY PAGES. Attach entry form with paper clip to packet of poems. *If return of manuscript is desired, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage.* Please do not send certified mail.

Entries should include an essay up to 250 words answering the question: “What can you (or the nominee) bring to the role of Poet Laureate for the City of Alexandria?”

Deadline: Entries must be mailed to: The Alexandria Poet Laureate, c/o Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, 1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Manuscript must be post-marked NO LATER than close of business Monday, October 2, 2006.

Awards: \$500 annual honorarium to the winner and a formal awards presentation at the Alexandria Commission for the Arts 2006 Alex Awards scheduled for Friday, October 20, 2006 at the Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria.

Judges: Two citizens from the City of Alexandria; two published poets; one member from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts; one member from the Alexandria Arts Forum; one higher education representative; an English or Language Arts Curriculum Specialist or teacher from one of the public or private schools in the City of Alexandria; a representative from the Business community (i.e. Chamber of Commerce or business leader); and, one member from the Alexandria Library Board.

Selection Process: First: judges will read all entries and choose the finalists for a panel interview. Second: judges will hold a panel interview with the finalists. Candidates may be asked at that time to read some of their works, along with answering questions relating to their perception of the Poet Laureate post.

For additional information or to receive additional entry forms, call the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities at 703.838.6348 or visit www.alexandriacommissionforthearts.org or www.alexandriava.gov. The Alexandria Commission for the Arts assumes no responsibility for loss of any work and will not be responsible for return of work unless a stamped, self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage is enclosed.



ENTRY FORM
ALEXANDRIA POET LAUREATE
"Call for Nominations"
Please print clearly

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number (day): _____ (evening) _____

Email Address: _____

PLEASE LIST TITLES OF POEMS:

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Nominator's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone number (day): _____ (evening) _____

Email Address: _____

Does the nominee know you have submitted their name for consideration as the Poet Laureate?

☐ Yes or ☐ No

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